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TOPIC Military Information from the quartering area of the 70th Gds' Tank Div. under the 60th Inf Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army

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1. Between 6 and 23 April 1954, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) in Neustrelitz appeared to be occupied not to capacity. Contrary to the east section of the installation, the west section appeared rather quiet during the period under review. On 23 April, 6 heavy SP guns, 3 JS tanks and a truck left the installation toward Prenzlau. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

2. Between 6 and 23 April, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225), Neustrelitz, was occupied to capacity. The installation was fully lighted after nightfall. Firing with 3 x 120-mm mortars was repeatedly observed in the training area of the former glider field. Another 9 mortars of the same caliber were seen in a shed at the training area. About 30 to 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with small arms and light machine guns daily left the installation toward Tiefarten. Vehicle traffic was very light.

3. Between 6 and 23 April, the Schlossgarten restricted area (2227), Neustrelitz, was heavily occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Service of the piece drill on 2 x 37-mm AA guns was daily held in the restricted area. On 14 April, 123 rocket launchers entered the restricted area. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

4. Between 6 and 23 April, the restricted area on Hermann Hauptmann Strasse, Neustrelitz, was occupied not to capacity by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 150 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small arms daily marched to the training area. Service of the piece drill with 100-mm AT guns and 122-mm field mortars was observed during the period under review. On several days, the troops received gas mask training with gasmasks and protective suits. On 14 April, about 200 troops were seen in an athletic contest, with additional officers and NCOs present. Training was repeatedly observed at the local training areas.

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5. In late April, the barracks installation on Castaven Lake (2091), Fuerstenberg, was occupied. On 24 April, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia received field training with light infantry weapons. About 300 troops engaged in march practice in the wooded area between the railroad line and the highway to Lychen. Wooden buildings were being constructed in the barracks area. About 6 of these buildings had been completed on 24 April. Trucks [] hauled coal to the installation.

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6. Between 20 and 22 April, trucks [] carrying bags, boards and equipment were seen on Menzer Baum, coming from the wooded area at Lenz-Alt Globsow-Keu Globsow and proceeding to Fuerstenberg. Reports of infantry weapons were heard from the wooded area which had been restricted. 2

7. Between 13 April and 2 May, the Panzer Kaserne (2181), Neubrandenburg, was occupied as previously by about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 50 percent with tank insignia, 35 percent with motor transport insignia and 15 percent with engineer insignia. Field training with light infantry weapons was observed in the training area of the installation on several days of observation. On 13 April, JS tanks [] and SU-100 guns [] left the installation toward south. They returned on 16 April. During the period under review, 100 to 150 engineer soldiers were repeatedly observed at bridge building exercises with pontoons on Tollense Lake. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation []

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8. Between 19 April and 7 May, the Panzer Kaserne, Neubrandenburg, was occupied to capacity. On 6 May, the installation was fully lighted after nightfall. On 19 April, a JS tank was seen in the training area south of the installation. A ground radio station, presumably of type E-1, was seen on a hill in the southeast section of the training area. Four trucks with van-like superstructures and 3 small tents were seen nearby. Trucks [] were seen entering the installation.

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1. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution of the units of the 9th Gds Tank Div in the military installations of the Neustrelitz post. [] source is believed to have erred regarding the occupation strength of Neue Infanterie Kaserne. Except for units possibly absent for short-term practices, all units carried there should have been at the installation. According to information in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the following units can be confirmed in Neustrelitz until 23 April 1954: the 234th Port Regt, the 121st (?) Am Regt, the 126th Gds Rgt Bn and the 495th (?) Arty Regt (US).

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2. The barracks installation of Castaven Lake can be carried occupied as previously by the 33d Gds Rgt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. []. In late April, elements of the regiment presumably conducted small-scale exercises in the area southwest of Fuerstenberg, as had also been observed in early April. [] headquarters units of the Second Gds Tech Army [] also participated in these exercises. The new wooden buildings in the barracks area probably were to serve as billets for Soviet families.

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3. Comment. According to the present information, the Panzer Kaserne can be carried occupied as previously by the unidentified Gds Rgt Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div and units of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Tech Army. []. However, the installation should be occupied by 1,500 to 1,800 troops, rather than 900 troops as mentioned in paragraph 7 of the present report. According to source of paragraph 8, the radio station presumably included a Dumbo-type radar.

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